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CHAPTER 261

HOUSE BILL 2509

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-925, 28-927 AND 28-939, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
RELATING TO VEHICLE EQUIPMENT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-925, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-925. Tail lamps

5 A. A motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer and pole trailer and any
6 other vehicle that is being drawn at the end of a train of vehicles shall be
7 equipped with at least one tail lamp mounted on the rear. When lighted as
8 required by this article, ~~the~~ EACH tail lamp shall emit a red light plainly
9 visible from a distance of five hundred feet to the rear, except that in the
10 case of a train of vehicles, only the tail lamp on the rearmost vehicle need
11 actually be seen from the distance specified.

12 B. A tail lamp on a vehicle shall be located at a height of not more
13 than seventy-two inches nor less than fifteen inches to be measured as
14 provided in section 28-923, subsection B.

15 C. Either a tail lamp or a separate lamp shall be constructed and
16 placed in a manner that illuminates with a white light the rear license plate
17 and renders it clearly legible from a distance of fifty feet to the rear. A
18 tail lamp or tail lamps together with any separate lamp for illuminating the
19 rear license plate shall be wired to provide that the tail lamp or lamps are
20 lighted whenever the head lamps or auxiliary driving lamps are lighted.

21 Sec. 2. Section 28-927, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

22 28-927. Stop lamps; peace officers; warnings

23 A. A person shall not sell a new motor vehicle, including a motorcycle
24 or motor driven cycle, in this state ~~and shall not drive a vehicle on the~~
25 ~~highways~~ unless it is equipped with a stop lamp ~~that~~ AND EVERY STOP LAMP ON
26 THE VEHICLE meets the requirements of section 28-939.

27 B. A PERSON MAY NOT DRIVE A VEHICLE ON THE HIGHWAYS UNLESS IT IS
28 EQUIPPED WITH A STOP LAMP AND EVERY STOP LAMP ON THE VEHICLE MEETS THE
29 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 28-939.

30 C. THE FIRST VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION IS NOT A CIVIL
31 TRAFFIC VIOLATION AND MAY NOT RESULT IN A CITATION. A PEACE OFFICER MAY
32 ISSUE A VERBAL OR WRITTEN WARNING OR NOTICE TO REPAIR TO A PERSON FOR THE
33 FIRST VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION B OF THIS SECTION.

34 Sec. 3. Section 28-939, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

35 28-939. Signal lamps and devices

36 A. A motor vehicle may be equipped and if required under this article
37 shall be equipped with the following:

38 1. A stop lamp on the rear that emits a red or yellow light, that is
39 actuated on application of the service or foot brake and that may be
40 incorporated with a tail lamp.

41 2. One or more lamps or a mechanical signal device that is capable of
42 clearly indicating an intention to turn either to the right or to the left
43 and that is visible both from the front and rear.

- 1 B. A stop lamp shall be plainly visible and understandable from a
2 distance of one hundred feet to the rear both during normal sunlight and at
3 nighttime. A signal lamp or lamps indicating the intention to turn shall be
4 visible and understandable during daytime and nighttime from a distance of
5 one hundred feet both to the front and rear. If a vehicle is equipped with a
6 stop lamp, TAIL LAMP or other signal ~~lamps~~ LAMP, ~~the~~ EACH lamp ~~or lamps~~
7 shall:
- 8 1. Be maintained at all times in good working condition.
9 2. Not project a glaring or dazzling light.
- 10 C. A mechanical signal device shall be self-illuminated when in use at
11 the times provided in section 28-922.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 17, 2016.

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Passed the House March 1, 20 16

by the following vote: 53 Ayes,

6 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

☐ Pro Tempore

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Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate May 5, 20 16

by the following vote: 22 Ayes,

7 Nays, 1 Not Voting

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

6th day of May, 20 16

at 10:21 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 17th day of

May

at 10:52 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 17th day of May, 20 16

at 11:40 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State

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